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Subject: RE: MPCA: Share you water quality data with us

Hi Miranda,

A few quick questions for you on the email notice below.

Is MPCA planning to solicit water quality data for more watersheds than just 2 HUC-8s? Two HUC-8s seems a bit low considering you all look at 6-10 HUC-8s per year, roughly. Is this a reflection of Covid-19 impacting sampling efforts? Or water quality staff cutbacks?

Perhaps MPCA will make up for these low numbers by soliciting for water quality data for a larger slug of HUC-8s in 2022?

Update on 2022 from my end...I am just starting to get into the 2022 package of information so I may have a batch of comments to you in the next week or so.

Any rough estimate of when the draft 2022 materials will be uploaded into ATTAINS? I am not chomping at the bit for that to happen, just curious.

Hope all is going well for you!

Paul

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Do you have water quality data to share?

The MPCA is asking for your data to help assess the condition of lakes and streams and build a national database of water quality. Your role in collecting these data is important to Minnesota's effort to identify impaired waters and those in need of additional protection.

The MPCA is specifically interested in water bodies in the following watersheds; it will be determining whether they meet state water quality standards in early 2022:

- Mississippi River - Twin Cities (07010206)
- Crow Wing River (07010106)

If you have data from other areas, the agency will accept it, though the deadlines below do not apply. The agency may also make additional calls for data if needed.

The MPCA will use your data to:

- Help plan for future monitoring efforts, including what to monitor for and where to monitor.
- Identify pollutant "stressors" that are causing or contributing to problems, or threats to fishing, swimming, and recreational uses.
- Evaluate the success of ongoing activities to protect and restore water quality.

Deadlines:

- Submit data to MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, November 1**.
 - Find out more on the [MPCA's surface water data web pages](#).
 - You will need to review the data entered by the MPCA by **Wednesday, December 15**.
- OR submit data to EPA by 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, December 31**. Find out more on the [EPA's Water Quality Portal web pages](#).

Data submitted after these deadlines or reviewed late cannot be guaranteed to be used for 2022 lake and stream assessments.

Thank you for your help!

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